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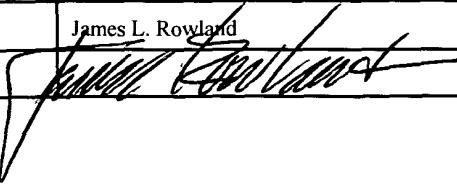
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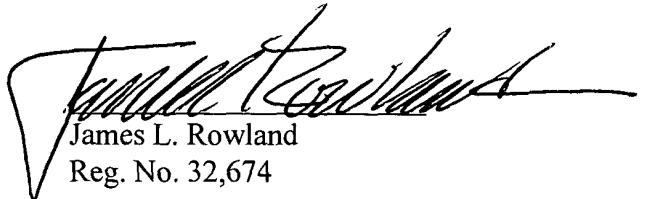
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- 18 pages of specification with abstract.
- 6 sheets of drawings with 11 figures.
- 16 total claims and 1 independent.
- an unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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